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DEVELOPMENTS IN YEN-PIEN KOREAN AUTONOMOUS REGION

[Comment: An article published in the Peiping Kuang-ming Jih-pao, on 7 September 1952, stated that 76,000 inhabitants from the Yen-pien Korean Autonomous Region, Kirin Province, are working in the transportation units of the Chinese Volunteers in Korea.

The article, which describes the political, economic, cultural, health, and patriotic activities of the Yen-pien area, also disclosed that the Northeast People's Government recently appropriated 29 billion yuan to the region for the construction of a modern hospital.

Pertinent excerpts from the article follow: ]

General Information

The Yen-pien Korean Autonomous Region, consisting of Yen-chi Hsien, Ho-lung Hsien, Wang Ch'ing Hsien, Eun-ch'un Hsien, and An-t'u Hsien, borders the Soviet Union and Korea to the southeast and nestles against the Chai-pai Shan to the southwest.

This region has a population of 540,000 Koreans and 185,000 Chinese, Muslims, Manchus, and Mongols. Consisting of vast fertile valleys, the Yen-pien area is primarily an agricultural center which produces rice, soybeans, Kaoliang, tobacco, and many other crops.

On 3 September 1952, the Yen-pien Korean Autonomous Region was officially established and an Autonomous People's Government was inaugurated.

Political Activities

Five years ago, the land-reform movement was launched in the Yen-pien area in response to the demands of a majority of the people and leaders. Shortly thereafter, people's representatives conferences and people's governments were established on hsien, ch'u, and ts'un levels. Various nationalities and circles elected 20,100 representatives of various levels who supervised and reviewed the work of the government.

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There are more than 6,000 Koreans among the 8,000 cadres working in all levels of the people's governments, government agencies, and organizations. Most of the Korean cadres were trained by veteran Chinese cadres. To meet the demand for cadres, the Yen-pien Party Political Cadre Training School trained 3,000 cadres, and an average of seven cadres from each ts'un attend short training courses that are offered by cadre training classes organized in every hsien.

Economic Activities

During the past few years, under the leadership of the government, the people in the Yen-pien area voluntarily set up cooperatives and mutual aid organizations; more than 70 percent of the peasants belong to these organizations. There are 20,000 seasonal mutual-aid teams and 6,900 year-around mutual-aid teams and agricultural production cooperatives. Rice acreage has increased by 10,000 hectares, and in 1951 food production amounted to 310,000 tons; this production exceeded all previous records.

Consumer cooperatives have also expanded rapidly, and as of July 1952, 450,000 people participated in these cooperatives.

Cultural Activities

Many students attend the coeducational Yen-pien University, which is the only recognized minority nationality university in China. More than 30 middle schools have been established throughout the region, and primary schools are to be found in every ts'un. One out of every 35 persons in the Yen-pien area attends middle school; 95 percent of the school age children are being given education; 20,000 children attend day nurseries; and over 100,000 workers or peasants attend spare-time schools. Only 26 percent of the population is illiterate.

Last year, the Yen-pien Educational Publishing Company published 2.8 million copies of 300 different types of books in the Korean language. The Korean Jen-min Pao has a daily circulation of 36,000 copies. The Yen-pien area has nine motion-picture theaters, one specialized cultural team, 23 part-time cultural teams, and many recreational centers.

Health Activities

Although the development of health agencies is only in its early stage, there are two hospitals in every hsien, ten women's and children's health centers, and clinics in the Yen-pien region. Each ts'un has established antiepidemic organizations. Recently, the Northeast People's Government appropriated 29 billion yuan to establish a modern hospital in this region.

Patriotic Activities

After the US imperialists unleashed their war of aggression in Korea, all levels of government in the Yen-pien area received many letters from people who wanted to volunteer their services in Korea to fight the US and aid Korea. More than 76,000 from the Yen-pien region are taking part in transportation work for the Chinese Volunteers in Korea. In Wen Hua Ts'un, a small village in Yen-chi Hsien, 48 young men joined the Chinese Volunteers, 60 youths organized a blood donors team, and carrier, nurses, and first aid teams have been sent to the Korean front. Over 180 inhabitants in this village joined the local militia.

The people in the Yen-pien region are actively supporting the war effort by contributing money and grain to the government. For example, Yen-chi Hsien contributed 4.4 billion yuan.

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